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1. Since February 1953, a new military airfield with the project designation K-33 is being built at Chotucice near Caslav, about 80 kilometers southeast of Prague. The airfield, the construction of which is shrouded in secrecy, will be primarily for jet planes and is being rushed to completion prior to the end of 1953.

2. The runway of this airfield is 2,500 meters long and has a layer of concrete 26 centimeters thick. The base is a combination of gravel and asphalt. All of the concrete surfaces are sectioned and asphalt is used between the sections. A special feature of the runway is its surface, which is considerably lower in the middle than at either end. This is to enable a landing aircraft to decrease speed on the upgrade and thus shorten the braking distance. Provision is also made to lengthen the runway by 500 meters at a future date.

3. Four hangers are being constructed of steel and brick, and each will accommodate 36 MIG 15 aircraft. The gasoline storage facilities at the airfield are entirely underground.

4. The equipment for this project appears to be the best used for such construction in the CSR. It includes 10 heavy steamshovels, 50 heavy concrete dumpers, 50 bulldozers, and about 150 heavy dump trucks, model Tatra 111. Other special equipment includes special finishing machines and concrete smoothers.

5. During August 1953, facilities were available to mix 110 cubic meters of concrete per hour. The completion of an additional large concrete mixer was expected soon and it was planned to raise the output to about 2,000 cubic meters per eight-hour day.

6. The principal technicians working on the project are chief engineer Kris (fnu), chief of construction Kalous (fnu) and chief dispatcher Rihacek (fnu). All of the approximately 1,100 workers were carefully screened before obtaining jobs on the project. Explicit instructions were given to each worker not to tell any of his family or friends where he was working or the nature of the project. Between 400 and 500 of the workers are civilians and the rest belong to a Czech air corps punishment company (PTP, Pomocni Technicky Prapor).

7. At about the same stage of development as building project K-33, and almost exactly the same in location, is an airfield in Beckyne near Tabor, in Southern Bohemia. The airfield is designated as building project K-25 and is being built by Posista, National Enterprise.

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8. Konstruktiva, National Enterprise, is constructing airfields located at Litomysl, Prelouc (Morovia), and Vlasim, all or which are being equipped with underground gasoline storage dumps. These fields also are allegedly very similar to K-25 and K-33, and have 2600 meter runways.

9. The following other airfields have been completed or modernized within the past two years:

Ceske Budejovice
Cheb (Northwest Bohemia)
Dobrany
Dobravoda near Nymburk (sic)
Ivanka (pri Dunaji)
Klecany (Prague)
Mimon
Pardubice
Line near Plzen
Postolopty (Zatec)
Prerov (Moravia)
Ruzyne (Prague)
Vodochody (Prague)

10. A sketch of the airfield at Chotusice, showing the approximate location of the installations, is attached as Annex I to this report.

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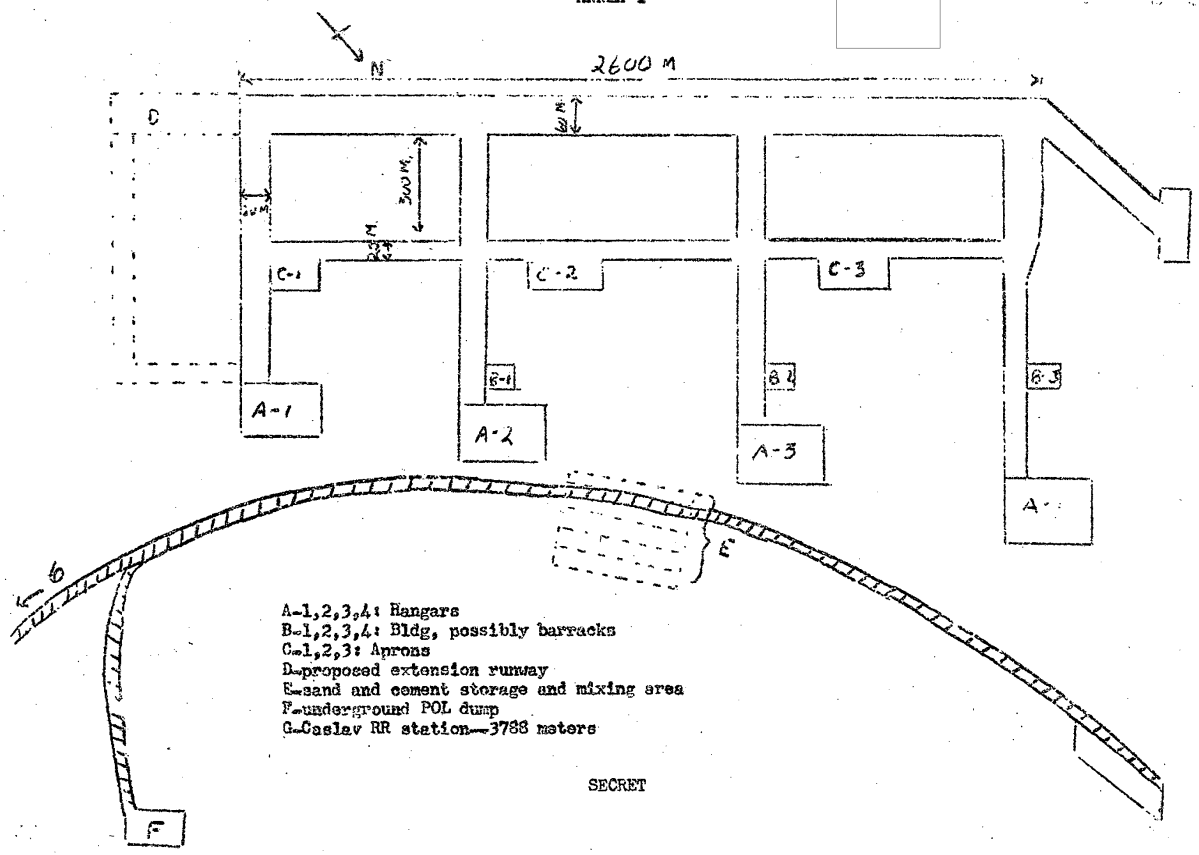

A-1,2,3,4: Hangars
B-1,2,3,4: Bldg, possibly barracks
C-1,2,3: Aprons
D-proposed extension runway
E-sand and cement storage and mixing area
F-underground POL dump
G-Caslav RR station--3788 meters

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